



# Pottsgrove School District: Brandywine Virtual Academy

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Brandywine Virtual Academy (BVA). Research, and our local experience, each point to certain student characteristics and resources that play an important role for successful online learning. With this in mind, please review the following student guidelines:

- We don't require work to be done at specific times during the day, we recommend a routine schedule, and dedicated location, to complete course work.
- Recommended time is one hour per day for each full credit course you are doing on BVA.
- Login and work completion for courses is your attendance. Failure to login within 72-hours is treated as truancy in accordance with Board Policy and administrative protocols.
- Parents are urged to review student progress reports weekly. Call our BVA liaison, Mrs. Kelly Crowell at the High School Guidance Office if you have any concerns. 610-326-5105 x7387.
- A signed BVA Agreement, and BVA Orientation attendance are required.

When we support a student and they fail to make adequate progress we will meet to discuss the appropriateness of continuing in an online program, and that student may return to a more traditional school environment. A student who fails to login, or make adequate progress, during the first ten days of class may be withdrawn from BVA and be required to report back to Pottsgrove's traditional school environment or provide documentation of enrollment in another educational placement, in compliance with Pennsylvania's compulsory school attendance law.

We provide every student with multiple levels of support. However, self-advocacy on the part of the student is a critical component to accessing these supports and for overall student success in an online learning environment. If your student is interested in participation of PIAA Interscholastic Athletics, please contact Athletic Director, Steve Anspach, for eligibility guidelines at 610-326-5105 x7478.

All required equipment and textbooks will be sent from Brandywine Virtual Academy to the Pottsgrove School District and must be signed out from the guidance office at Pottsgrove High School. Materials must be returned to the district office within five days of course completion for check-in and return to BVA. Parents will be charged for missing equipment and materials.

When coupled with our district resources we believe BVA can provide our students with a high quality online-learning experience. It is a partnership between the school and families to assure student success in an environment that demands a high level of organizational skills and time management.

Be sure to check our web site, <http://www.pgsd.org/Page/256> for additional information and important links. Again, welcome to Pottsgrove's Brandywine Virtual Academy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Ramage, Ph.D.".

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